

Summary

The topic of the submitted diploma thesis is “Domestic violence and its prevention“. Domestic violence is a societal problem accompanying the society since time immemorial. For a long time this phenomenon has been understood by society only as a private matter and government should intervene only in extreme cases. This state has been changing for the last two decades. Both professional and general public has begun to accept the opinion that domestic violence is a public issue that requires a state intervention. Domestic violence must be perceived interdisciplinary because it is a very complex problem.

In the introductory part there is presented a definition of domestic violence and some other terms related to it.

The following criminological part describes domestic violence itself, its dynamics, principles and specifics that make it different from other forms of violence. In this chapter, various aspects of this phenomenon are analysed, such as private nature, repetition and longevity, clearly defined constant roles, etc. Further, domestic violence is divided according to its types and forms that are specified in details. The last section of the criminology part looks at the topic from the perspective of victimology which studies victims of a crime. The aim of this section is to divide and describe domestic violence and its particular specifics in relations to the victims. It can thus be divided into partner violence, violence against seniors and violence against children.

The following chapters are dedicated to the legal aspects of domestic violence. Firstly, evolution and history of legal regulations is described; it shows that efforts to change the status of domestic violence were relatively successful. Secondly, current legislation and legal institutes related to the topic, especially criminal law, civil law and administrative law, are analysed.

The last chapter introduces prevention of domestic violence, which is comparatively ignored in our country and appears to be insufficient, and compares our prevention of domestic violence with other states. Lastly, in the conclusion the whole thesis is summarized and situation in the Czech Republic is assessed.